## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ARISE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE; ¿OISTE?; NEW ENGLAND STATE-AREA CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP; REV. TALBERT W. SWAN, II; NORMAN W. OLIVER; DARLENE ANDERSON; GUMERSINDO GOMEZ; FRANK BUNTIN; RAFAEL RODRIQUEZ; Civil Action No. 05-30080 MAP and DIANA NURSE Plaintiffs, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD and SPRINGFIELD ELECTION COMMISSION, Defendants.

## **RULE 16.1(D)(3) CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby certify that they have conferred: (a) with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course – and various alternative courses – of the litigation; and (b) to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

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